

## **REMARKS**

Claims 9-16 and 19-25 are pending. The Examiner's reconsideration of the objections and rejections is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks.

The Specification has been objected to as containing an error at page 25, line 13, wherein the Examiner essentially suggested that term "current threshold" should read "current roundtrip delay." The term "current threshold" has been amended to "current roundtrip delay" as page 25, line 13. The Examiner's reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 18 have been objected to for informalities.

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. The Examiner's reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 18 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Claim 18 has been cancelled. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 9-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Referring to claim 9; the phrase "new threshold" has been clarified as "new roundtrip-delay threshold." Further, the limitation "adjusting a clock according to an offset" has been clarified as "adjusting a clock according to whether the offset is greater than the offset threshold." Claim 13, and in particular its preamble, has been amended in

view of this limitation. Claim 9 has been further clarified with respect to limitations occurring “upon determining that the current roundtrip delay is not greater than the new roundtrip-delay threshold.”

Referring to claim 10; the Examiner has objected to the use of the term “about” as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully disagree. The word “about” is not necessarily indefinite, for example, see MPEP 2173.05(b). Further, the threshold has been well described in the Specification, for example, from page 18, line 21 to page 19, line 18 a probability that a client observes a round-trip delay is described in mathematical terms such that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand how to make, use or sell the claimed method using different probabilities, e.g., including probabilities of about 0.5.

Referring to claims 11 and 12; “thirty round-trip delays” has been amended to “the desired number of round-trip delays” in accordance with the antecedent basis provided in claim 9.

Referring to claims 12 and 14; the limitations has been clarified to indicate that the step of determining the current round-trip delay and the offset from claim 9 is performed recursively.

Referring to claim 15; the limitation “the number of offsets” has been amended to “the number of measured offsets.” Further amendments have been made to clarify certain limitations including “regression line” to “linear regression”, “list” to “list of offsets”, “estimating” to “re-estimating” and “measuring” to “re-determining.”

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voth (USPN 6,199,169) in view of Beardsley et al. (USPN 5,471,631). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of Voth and Beardsey teach or suggest all the limitations of claims 17 and 18.

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

New claim 19 includes all of the limitations of allowable claim 9. Claim 19 is believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 9.

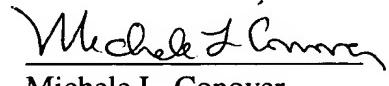
Claims 20-25 depend from claim 19. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for claim 19.

For the forgoing reasons, the present application, including claims 9-16 and 19-25, is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

Respectfully Submitted

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